Textile Industry

343. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether textile industry is leading in exports due to restructuring of textile policy as per recommendations of Abid Hussain Committee;

(b) whether there has been less profit to the textile industry due to the increase in cost of production;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government since January 1991 for reducing the cost of production and promotion of export and the results thereof;

(d) the number of textile mills in which modernisation work has started during 1991; and

(e) the number of mills incurring losses and the details of efforts being made to revive them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As a result of the measures taken from time to time to step up experts, exports of textiles in 1990-91 registered an increase of 29.1% over the year 1989-90.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) According to IDBI, modernisation of 91 textile units is likely to be completed during 1991-92.

(e) Balance sheets of 271 mills in the private sector were analysed as on 30.9.91. This analysis reveals that out of the 271 mills, 61 mills incurred losses during 1989-90. Government have set up a nodal agency for rehabilitating viable sick units, launched a textile modernisation fund scheme for removal of obsolescence in the industry and also established BIFR to tackle the problem of industrial sickness.

Competition faced by Jute Industry in World Market

344. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES to be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jute industry is facing stiff competition in the world market due to higher prices;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to promote the export of jute products; and

(c) the details of the jute production in the country and jute products exported alongwith value thereof during last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The jute industry is facing stiff competition in the world market from synthetic substitutes which are available at lower prices.

(b) Govt. have taken a number of steps to promote exports of jute goods viz; grant of EXIM script and, External Market Assistance encouragement of diversified jute products, imposition of export obligation on jute mills which are given orders for supply of B. Twill jute bags to DGS&D, implementation of Export Price. Stabilisation Fund Scheme to secure high volume global contracts, etc.

(c) Details of production and export of jute goods during the last three years are given below:-